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## REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

### AFLCIO'S FIRST YEAR

Your attention is called to the special anniversary message, published elsewhere in this issue of East Bay Labor Journal, of AFLCIO President George Meany. The anniversary referred to is of course that of the merger of the AFL and the CIO, which took place in New York City at conventions held December 5-9, 1955. Accordingly this present week is the 52nd one of the merger.

"Next Week We Shall All Be Members of the AFLCIO!" was the jubilant 8-column headline on the first page of this paper's issue of December 2 last year. The drop head under that said: "Adlai Heads List of Speakers Asked to Merger Meeting." Then in the next issue, that of December 9, the corresponding headlines were: "AFLCIO Is Born With Attack on GOP Administration" and "Unions' Maneuvers Reported by Press Don't Worry Meany."

The last headline mentioned referred to various reports of inter-union rivalries and Meany's statement that "I may be a chump, but I haven't any misgivings."

### BIG STATES SLOW

The maneuverings have continued to some extent, but we doubt if President Meany has any serious misgivings now after a year of the merger at the top level.

Merger on the State and local levels has been proceeding slowly throughout this first year. Neither our local councils in Alameda county nor the State federations of the old CIO and AFL in California have achieved merger in this first year. But as reported in last week's issue of East Bay Labor Journal it is possible that the local councils may merge by January 1, although there is something like a deadlock on the State level.

Nineteen States have achieved merger during this first year, but the big population big industry States are missing from the list. Here are seven such States that have failed to merge so far: Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, and our own California. Now that we are entering the second AFL-CIO year it will be interesting to see whether these giants get a move on.

### MORE IMPORTANT THINGS

But there are other things more important than mere structural unity. And we do believe that under the firm leadership of George Meany and those higher officers of the labor movement who cooperate closely with him real progress has been made during this first year toward improving the standing of the labor movement in public opinion.

Both on the economic and political fields organized labor will only continue to advance if it builds earnestly and guards jealously a deserved reputation for economic integrity, social responsibility, and political consistency.

We can only achieve economic integrity by having a regard for the whole economy as well as for our own immediate interests; social responsibility requires a cessation of mere maneuvering for power which sometimes degenerates into the equivalent of gang fighting; political consistency excludes conscienceless opportunism in political alignments.

During this first year we do believe some progress on all three of these fronts has been made.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

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## BTC Gets Report on Work By State Institutions' Inmates

The Building Trades Council at its meeting this week received an enlightening report on a conference of business agents of Northern California amount of building trades work done by inmates of State institutions.

The report was made by Floyd Peaslee, Painters 127, secretary of District Council of Painters 16, and William Vandenhooen, Bricklayers 8.

They attended the meeting of Northern California business agents held at the Deuel Vocational School for Boys at Tracy. Richard A. McGee, director of the State Department of Corrections, and State Architect Anson Boyd were present.

The business agents questioned McGee and Boyd closely about the work done in State institutions by inmates, work of the sort normally done by building trades craftsmen. The union men's consensus, forcibly expressed to the State officials, was that the building trades organization should be notified in advance of any work contemplated at State institutions which involved building and construction skills.

Director McGee had said that he wished to establish a cooperative relationship with the building trades, and the business agents' reply was that this could not be a one-way street. It was pointed out that electricians' work was being done by inmates at Vacaville, and laborers' and engineers' work at Soledad, to name only two instances.

McGee said that to have building tradesmen go in to some of the institutions involved a security risk, as prisoners might escape in the course of the work, with outsiders coming and going. But Vandenhooen and Peaslee said that they felt the business agents left Boyd and McGee with the impression that the building trades were very much on the alert about the problem.

Peaslee told the BTC that there is a mistaken impression that the State can do only \$2000 worth of work on a construction job, and that after that amount has been spent, contractors must be called in. But the fact is, he said, that the State can do as much as \$20,000 on a job, and, with the buying of materials in quantity, the job can run as high as \$30,000.

Peaslee and Vandenhooen praised highly the work that is being done with disturbed boys at the Deuel School. The boys are not being turned out as journeymen, they said, but are being brought to normalcy by getting them interested in some craft, so that they could become apprentices.

### PACIFIC STATES STEEL

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers, to whom the Board of Business Agents had referred a problem at the Pacific States Steel Corporation at Niles, reported that a big construction job was going on at the plant. Men are being hired off the street for the work, he said, and it is all being done under the United Steelworkers' contract with the corporation.

The work is going three shifts a day. Later some work may come up which will have to be done by subcontractors, requiring more skill than that possessed by those now handling the work. But in general the Steelworkers contend that the work is within their jurisdiction and the fact is, this problem is nationwide.

Childers said he was consulting an attorney on the problem.

Chester Bartolini, Carpenters 36, commented that whatever the technical points in the law might be, it would seem advisable to put some pickets on, then let the corporation sue for an injunction if it wished to do so. He didn't believe delay or pussyfooting would get anywhere. The job would be finished before the BTC would get anywhere. A firm line of this sort had been followed in Detroit, and the result was that the building trades got their share of the work.

Childers said that picketing was decidedly what he had in mind, and that what he's after is a legal way of picketing, so that something substantial could be achieved; and he remarked that there wasn't going to be any great delay about it.

**CAPWELL PICKETS**  
BTC Secretary John Davy called attention to the fact that Capwell's department store is now being picketed steadily by

## Local Labor May Assist Hungarian To Find Job Here

The Central Labor Council this week gave approval to a proposal that it give assistance to some Hungarian refugee and his family.

The proposal had been introduced the week before by the following 8 delegates: Jack Austin and Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36; Jeffery Cohean, Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302; Russ Crowell, Cleaners 23; John Hutchinson, Berkeley Teachers; Les Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1176; CLC President John F. Quinn; Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870.

The written proposal declared:

"The revolt of Hungarian workers against a malignant foreign power has no superior in history for its courage and perseverance in the face of overwhelming odds.

"It represents one of the most powerful blows ever struck for the natural right of all men to govern themselves free from the domination of alien armies and despotic political parties. "It is a vindication of the traditional stand of the American labor movement and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions that there exists no common ground between free trade unionism and the Soviet system of government."

The specific proposal is that "the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, upon proper investigation, inform the Government of the United States that it wishes to sponsor and underwrite the transportation to the United States under the Refugee Relief Act one Hungarian worker and his family, and that the Central Labor Council will assume the responsibility for the settlement of the family in reasonable circumstances of comfort and safety."

At this week's meeting the executive committee recommended that the proposal be adopted in principle, and that its implementation be decided on after information is received from AFLCIO President Meany on the general plan of that organization for assisting Hungarian refugees. The delegates accepted this recommendation.

## Telegraphers Get Wage Adjustments

A nationwide wage structure will be put in effect January 1 by Western Union as the result of a job classification stipulation agreed to by the company and the union in the 1956 contract negotiations.

President Larry Ross of Commercial Telegraphers 209 says this means that one wage structure will take the place of the three presently existing wage structure in the southern, southwestern, and western divisions.

He says that there are other inequities in wage arrangements, as between city and city, between departments within a city, and between classifications with a department, but that within the terms of the stipulation these will not all be adjusted this year. He adds:

"Consequently not all employees will be the recipients of wage adjustments come January 1. But at least we have started in the direction of EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU WORK."

## Crafts Negotiate For 'Y' Employees

Negotiations for the various crafts employed by the YWCA are being held, with Richard Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, sitting in.

Formerly a local of the CIO not affiliated with any international union, equivalent to the so-called "federal" locals in the AFL, had some representation there. But that local having disintegrated, and James Drury, representing the regional office of the AFLCIO, having given his okay, negotiations for the crafts were begun.

**"SWEAT SHOP" CONDITIONS**  
In the United States postoffice were attacked in a resolution adopted at the California Industrial Union Council convention.

## DIG OUT THAT DATA ON ALLEGED OVERCHARGES BY THE EDEN HOSPITAL!

Unions which have complained that their members were charged excessive rates for service at Eden Hospital were again reminded by Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash that they should supply such data to him immediately, as another hearing by an Assembly interim committee is soon to be held.

One union some time ago reported that a little boy, son of a union member, was at Eden Hospital a total of 37 minutes, yet was charged for a full day in the operating room and a full day in a ward. Yet this union so far has failed to check back through its files and report the exact data to Ash.

"Either we have the exact data which I know to be in unions' files," warns Ash, "or our case collapses."

## Charles Sweeney Fund Manager For Plumbers, Passes

Charles E. Sweeney, president of Plumbers Local 1444, general manager of the Joint Industry Fund administering the fringe benefits of that union under the contract with the employers, died Thursday of last week.

He had called the Fund office Monday to say that he did not feel very well and would delay coming to his desk. Within 20 minutes of phoning the office he went into a coma, from which he never recovered. Cerebral hemorrhage was the diagnosis.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the C. P. Bannon mortuary, 6800 East 14th Street.

Brother Sweeney is survived by his wife, Pearl, his son Howard and his daughter, Mrs. Hazel L. Stover, and by seven grandchildren. He was 62 years of age, a native of Pennsylvania. The family home is at 1269 Gilmore Drive, San Leandro.

The Plumbers Joint Industry Fund office was set up at 7312 MacArthur Boulevard in March of this year, employers having begun their payments into the fund in January, and Sweeney was made general manager. The office handles joint industry matters, including pensions, health and welfare, vacations, apprenticeship and journeyman training.

Mrs. W. M. Bourgeois has charge of the office at present.

## Oakland Schools' Pay Study Ordered

Job descriptions will be drafted and pay scales recommended for some 950 non-teaching employees of the Oakland Unified School District not paid in accordance with union scales.

The survey, to cost about \$20,000, was ordered by the Oakland Board of Education by a vote of 5 to 0. Board members William Hoffman and John J. King were absent at the time with the Oakland citizens touring Eastern cities for the urban renewal project.

In addition to the study of job descriptions and pay scales the firm of management consultants engaged for the occasion, Booz, Allen, & Hamilton, will study the schools' business department's operations.

## Progress Made in Maywood Boycott

East Bay Furniture stores have been visited by Louis Burke of the Furniture Workers, and Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx, who called attention to the boycott by organized labor of the Maywood Furniture Co. of Santa Cruz.

Some of the store managers have listened attentively, and one manager promptly called up the Maywood people and discontinued ordering their products.

Groulx recently attended a meeting of union people in Santa Cruz County at which a representative of the California Employers Association finally agreed to let a union spokesman address the company's workers on company property to explain the advantages of joining a union.

## Merge of AFL, CIO In County Before February Probable

Prospects of early merger of the AFL and CIO in Alameda County continue to be encouraging, Secretary Robert S. Ash reported to the Central Labor Council this week.

He reminded the delegates that negotiations between committees set up by the AFL Central Labor Council and the CIO Greater Alameda County Industrial Council had been going on during the year.

Attorneys for the respective groups will soon be examining the proposed merger agreement and the proposed constitution for the merged council. That is, unless some unexpected hitch occurs when the subcommittee which prepared the two documents reports to the full joint committee.

After the attorneys have examined the language, the documents go to the office of AFL-CIO President George Meany for approval.

If Meany gives approval, a joint constitutional convention will be called, and delegates of the two councils will meet at it. At the latest, it is hoped that all this will be done before February.

The setup of central bodies in the East is somewhat different from that which has prevailed in the West. Some of the local people are especially anxious to get the local merger achieved. They wish to avoid any possibility of advocates of the Eastern setup contending that the Eastern pattern might as well be followed, on the ground that the local people can't get together.

Ash said that if there is any danger of a "big brawl" it will be on the State level. Having attended sessions of the State Federation's Executive Council and the CIO State convention, he said he realizes that some minds are still pretty far apart. The State convention of the CIO, held last weekend in Oakland, engaged in some discussion of the deadlock on the merging of the State CIO Council and the State Federation of Labor.

Joe Angelo of the Steelworkers and Sam Eubanks of the Newspaper Guild voiced criticism of what they felt the attitude of State Federation of Labor negotiators to be. The general feeling expressed was that the AFL was trying to absorb the CIO rather than combine with it.

C. J. Haggerty, executive secretary of the State Federation of Labor, spoke at the convention, but made no reference to the division of opinion among the negotiators for merger. He expressed the hope that the merger would be achieved within a reasonable period of time. The CIO convention adopted changes in the political setup of the organization to make more simple the merging of the political activities of the two organizations.

## Ask Them to Join Their Union: CWA!

Unions affiliated with the Central Labor Council were reminded again this week that if any of their members have friends or relatives working in the accounting and commercial departments of the telephone company, they can help the Communications Workers of America.

"Just ask any relatives or friends who work in those departments to be sure to join the CWA," is the advice Robert S. Ash, CLC secretary, is giving all affiliates.

The women who work in the office, who process bills, run the calculators, the men who sell equipment and ads on the yellow pages are those among whom the organizing drive is being conducted.

Gus Silva, president of the CWA local in Hayward, is in charge of the organizing work out of the office of CWA District Director Louis B. Knecht.

## County Wage Rise

Alameda County Board of Supervisors has voted to grant wage increases to 385 county employees for the last half of the fiscal year beginning January 1.

Deputy sheriffs now getting from \$379 to \$459 a month will get from \$414 to \$484. Superior Court clerks now getting \$394 to \$484 will get \$414 to \$509.

## Nowhere Fast!



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## First Anniversary of Merged AFL & CIO Is Hailed by Meany

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — A new spirit of confidence and determination marks the first anniversary of the AFLCIO declared AFLCIO President George Meany in a special anniversary message.

Meany said that on its first birthday the AFLCIO is fully cognizant of the great tasks and opportunities for service which lie ahead. He added: "As we enter the second year of unity, we dedicate ourselves to completing a job well begun."

The text of Meany's anniversary message:

"The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations marks the first birthday of a unified labor movement in the United States in a spirit of confidence and determination.

We have made considerable progress so far in establishing unity as a living fact and an effective working force. As a result, we will be able to forge ahead more rapidly in the year to come.

We achieved merger in the labor movement because our belief in unity overcame the barriers that separated the two main branches of the labor movement. Now we will grow together.

### UNSOLVED PROBLEMS

There are still problems to be solved, of course. Merger at the top level was only the first step in a long process. Given patience and good will, the rest of the job will be completed ahead of our most optimistic hopes.

Today the American labor movement speaks with one voice on Capitol Hill. It is recognized as a major factor in the political as well as the economic life of the nation.

Our united action during the recent political campaign resulted in a large measure of victory for liberal, progressive forces in the Congress, despite the personal popularity which produced President Eisenhower's landslide victory.

In the field of international affairs, we have strengthened the free trade union movement in the struggle for peace, with freedom for all men. Our persistent, unrelenting attack on totalitarianism of any kind, and particularly upon the evils of Communism, has been given new significance and impetus by the perfidious attack of Soviet Russia upon the defenseless people of Hungary, whose only "crime" was to yearn for freedom.

### PRINCIPLES

During our first year, we have held true to our principles. We shall remain true to them in the future.

We must continue to fight unrelentingly upon the domestic front for legislation which will make America better and stronger. We must oppose at every step legislation designed to benefit only the privileged few.

We cannot, however, be content to resist the forces of reaction. We must lead a nationwide drive for the realization of a positive and progressive legislative program, including federal aid to education, better housing, broader application of a higher minimum wage and enactment of thorough-going changes in the Taft-Hartley

Act that will make it fair to labor and management alike. Now, as always, our first responsibility is to organize the unorganized. This we shall proceed to do with our full energies.

Organizers have been already assigned to a number of important campaigns in tobacco, textile and other industries. We expect eventual victory no matter how bitter the opposition nor how restrictive the legislation imposed upon us.

### WORLD FIELD

In the international field, the AFLCIO is determined to support strong, free, democratic unions throughout the world—for they are the bulwark of democracy, the first line of defense against war.

We achieved unity in the labor movement in order to do a more effective job for the men and women we represent. Upon accepting the presidency of the AFLCIO, I remarked: "We must think in terms of the true meaning of a trade union movement, a movement that has for its sole, definite and single purpose the advancement of the welfare and interest of the great mass of workers who are part of this movement." That will always be our goal.

The AFLCIO, on its first birthday, is fully cognizant of the great tasks and opportunities for service which lie ahead. As we enter the second year of unity, we dedicate ourselves to completing a job well begun.

## Southern Crossing Delay Expensive, Says Geo. Miller

Delay in construction of the Southern Crossing will be "extremely expensive," says Congressman George P. Miller, representing the 8th district, in a statement to be presented December 12 to the California State Toll Bridge Authority.

Miller cites official report that the "cost of construction has increased from three to five percent over each preceding year."

And he points out that a Southern Crossing "can be financed with revenue bonds within that range, three to five percent for interest."

"The conclusion is inescapable," he says. "Each year of delay is costing as many millions of dollars—WITHOUT a Southern Crossing—as if the bonds had already been issued and construction had already begun."

Miller is attending a series of Congressional subcommittee hearings in Missouri, Louisiana and Florida. His statement will be read by Assemblyman Carlos Bee, as part of the request for immediate construction and financing of the Southern Crossing.

## HOW TO BUY

### Wide Disparity in Toy Prices

By SIDNEY MARGOLIS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Comparison-shopping can save you worthwhile sums on toys this Christmas, a survey by this department shows. Many toys cost more this year, especially bikes, wagons, scooters, and other metal toys. Even some sets such as construction and electricity kits have gone up. In view of the lofty tags on many playthings, it's worth comparing prices among different retailers. While dolls and carriages have not gone up noticeably, the price disparities here, too, can be sizable.

For example, one famous toy retailer tags a well-known electric sewing machine for children at \$19.95. Another volume retailer sells the identical model for \$15.95. An electronic toy radio station sells for \$9.95 at one shop and at \$5.85 at another. One large mail-order catalog has raised prices of wheeled goods noticeably over last year. Another offers the same prices this year as last on these items, and has even priced some a shade lower.

In dolls, prices rise sharply with the costumes. One large retailer offers a 21-inch walking doll at \$5.50. But the same doll dressed in a "fairy princess" outfit is \$10. You can save either by making the doll clothes or buying a less costly costume. For example, a little dress set for an unclothed doll is available for under \$2, for a dress and coat set for under \$3. Some of the famous-name dolls run into a lot of money. One line sells for \$18-\$25 in 20-inch size. But a volume chain offers dolls which closely resemble it for \$7 in a 15-inch size.

In buying gifts for adults as well as youngsters, particularly beware high-pressure credit jewelers and unknown salesmen who wait at factory gates or visit your home. These often charge highly exaggerated prices for gaudy gift items sold on installment payments. As warned here before, the printed list prices on much specially-prepared gift sets mean nothing. One set of woman's watch, earrings and matching pin carries a list price of \$71.50 on the box. Actually, the wholesale cost is only \$7.15, and true retail value about \$12. A gaudy pen and pencil set trimmed with sterling silver in a gift box has a printed list price of \$10. Actual wholesale cost: \$2. Actual retail value: about \$3-\$3.50.

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## Central Council Backs Chauffeurs With Resolution

The Central Labor Council, which a week ago adopted a motion backing Chauffeurs 923 in their stand on the issuance of new permits to taxi companies, this week formalized that action by adopting a strong resolution on the subject.

The resolution, introduced at the former meeting by Walter Bass, Chauffeurs 923, had been referred to the executive committee for consideration, following the customary procedure. This week the delegates accepted the committee recommendation that it be adopted.

The resolution points out that for a number of years the Oakland City Council has regulated the number of taxicabs allowed to operate in the city.

This, it is contended, "has benefited the earnings and general working conditions of the taxicab drivers, all members of Chauffeurs Union Local 923, thereby also aiding greatly in rendering good cab service to the general public and residents of Oakland."

Prior to May 22, 13 employers filed applications for permits to operate a total of 66 additional taxicabs, but after a hearing had been held City Manager Wayne Thompson refused to grant the additional permits, holding that "public need and necessity have not been shown by the applicants and sufficient evidence has not been presented to indicate that present permit holders are not rendering sufficient and adequate service to the public."

But 9 of the original applicants appealed to the Oakland City Council. Chauffeurs 923, says the resolution, submitted "facts and figures establishing that any additional permits on changes in the existing ordinance would destroy the hours, wages and working conditions of the taxicab drivers."

But on Tuesday, November 7, "a majority of the City Councilmen, Clifford E. Rishell, John W. Holmdahl, Howard E. Rilea, Ernest A. Rossi, and Peter M. Tripp voted to override the decision of their city manager, and ordered the issuance of additional taxicab permits."

### Trib Retracts

Oakland Tribune in its November 23 issue retracted a statement made by Mrs. N. Nekke in a published letter to the editor that a political assessment was levied on members of Sheet Metal Workers 216. The Tribune stated that it published Mrs. Nekke's letter "believing the statements in the letter were true," but concluded:

"Basing its action on the statements made to it by the attorney and business representative of the Union, the Tribune retracts the statement that the assessment referred to was for political purposes or for political education."

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## To The Ladies FROM THE EDITOR

SHOULD CHILDREN be compelled to stay in school until they are 18 or have graduated from high school?

Assemblyman Carlos Bee of Hayward has announced that he will introduce legislation permitting children to quit school at 14 or upon completion of the eighth grade.

Unwilling students, he says, "make it miserable for everyone with their defiant attitude and frequent absences . . . Those who do not want to be educated tend to break down the educational system . . . Public schools should not be an agency of the police department."

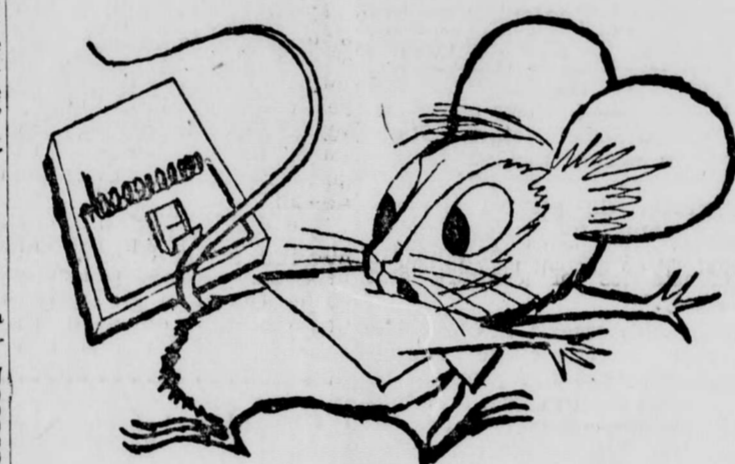
**AN IMPORTANT POINT** made by Bee is that some parents are lax in their attitude toward education, and that adoption of his plan might "wake up some of them to the fact" that their children need an education.

Certainly it is a fact that some parents are very little interested in whether or not their children are learning much, or anything, at school. Such parents figure school is a good place to stow the children away while they're growing up, and that's about all.

**BEE'S A TEACHER** himself, in Hayward High School, so he doubtless speaks from painful experience when he refers to the difficulties teachers encounter when trying to educate those who refuse to be educated.

His proposal is sure to cause a lot of discussion. Part of the American dream has been that every child shall receive a good education. The amount of resistance that some children can put up to the educative process wasn't included in the planning of the school system set up to make that dream come true.

Why not pass this copy of East Bay Labor Journal on to a friend when you've finished reading it?



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## What Is Knowland Stand on Liberal Drive in Senate?

Labor people in the East Bay as well as all over the country are watching the struggle that is going on in the Democratic Party following the November 6 election.

Six Democratic Senators, all with good labor records, have united to challenge the conservative leadership of the party in the Senate. The six liberal Senators making this drive are: Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, Wayne Morse of Oregon, Pat McNamara of Michigan, James E. Murray of Montana, and Paul H. Douglas of Illinois.

These six Senators have circulated a proposed 16-point domestic program calculated to affirm a far more liberal policy for the Democrats than the one shepherded by Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas. One of the 16 proposals has been called a "declaration of war" on the South.

This proposal would curb filibusters in the Senate by modifying the famous "Rule 22" which now allows almost unfettered debate, and under which the anti-civil rights group from the South reads old newspapers for hours, or the Bible, or what have you, to keep civil rights proposals from coming to a vote.

Senator Humphrey, principal spokesman at the moment of the drive for a more liberal Democratic policy in Congress, said in a post-election interview that the Democrats would be "digging their own graves" if they failed to adopt a more militantly liberal position in Congress.

Adlai Stevenson said after the election that "it is time for a lot of Southerners to decide whether they are Democrats or Republicans."

The question has arisen as to what the Republicans will do when the move to amend (Continued on Page 4)

## Honor FDR & Help MOD, Urges Meany

The State Federation of Labor Newsletter publishes an appeal by AFL-CIO President George Meany to all organizations affiliated with the merged federation.

Meany calls attention to the fact that January 30, 1957, will be the 75th anniversary of the birth of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Says Meany:

"In celebrating the 75th anniversary of our late President's birth, a tribute in the form of a Dinner Concert will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on January 30, 1957. Tickets for the Memorial Dinner Concert may be obtained from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Birthday Memorial Committee, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y.

"Purchase of the above-mentioned tickets will be in addition to your regular contribution to the Labor Service Division of the March of Dimes, which is worthy of our full support. We are both proud and grateful for the services performed by our Labor Division.

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## Fed to Consider Legislative Plans

A meeting of the 26-member executive council of the California State Federation of Labor has been called for December 13-14, in Hollywood at the Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel, it was announced recently by the San Francisco office of the Federation.

With the commencement of the 1957 general session of the California legislature barely a month away, top priority will go to putting the finishing touches on the Federation's legislative program.

Up for final review are numerous draft proposals for legislation to be introduced when the 1957 session meets early in January, including a comprehensive set of measures to liberalize and bring up to date the state's three major social insurance programs—workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance and unemployment disability insurance.

Other agenda items of major importance include the municipal "right to work" or compulsion open shop" law recently passed by the city of Palm Springs, and the status of merger negotiations with the State CIO Council.

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## Steamfitters to Elect December 9

By JIM MARTIN

Election of officers for our union will be held Sunday, December 9, in Hall "D" of the Labor Temple. The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. We urge that you all come down and vote. Do not forget to bring your dues book.

A pre-job conference was held recently with representatives of Engineers Limited Pipeline Company. This company has approximately 190 miles of pipeline between Marysville and Fallon, Nevada. The balance of this line, which originates at the Standard Oil refinery in Richmond and ties in with the Marysville project, will get under shortly. This 6-inch line and 8-inch jet fuel line is within our local union's jurisdiction and will be named under the national pipeline agreement. Any members interested in pipeline work, please contact the business office.

Our annual Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 16 in Hall "M" of the Labor Temple, commencing at 2:00 p.m. Bennie "High Pockets" Gosney, announces that Mr. Santa Claus will be at the party to distribute gifts and stockings and also that there will be a floor show, so be sure to come early.

TWO MORE MIAMI BEACH hotels have signed agreements with the Hotel & Restaurant Employees, General President Ed. S. Miller announced at union headquarters.

## Watchmakers Sign Up L. E. Hitchcock

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

L. E. Hitchcock & Associates, a watch repair "trade" shop, located at 408 - 12th Street, Oakland, has signed the union agreement. We have obtained two new members.

This trade shop does the work for the Affiliated Government Employees discount house in the East Bay.

As mentioned before in this column, this is but one of several discount houses that we are working on.

In next week's column, we shall advise you of several changes in the indemnity insurance plan, as well as in a Kaiser Foundation coverage, which took effect as of December 1, 1956.

After reading next week's column, if you desire to change your choice of insurance coverage, you should let the office know immediately, as this is the time of year when members can change their coverage.

BE SURE TO READ NEXT WEEK'S COLUMN. The information that will be outlined is of importance to every member.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: Mildred will be on her two week's vacation starting December 10th and will not return to the office until December 26th. Therefore, if you telephone the office and get no answer and it is necessary that you get in touch with me, drop me a postal card and I will contact you.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

### To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

### Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 216

Death Assessment No. 491 is now due and payable, Brother Frank Robertson, No. 98745, a member of Local No. 168, Los Angeles, passed away on October 24, 1956.

Fraternally yours,  
LLOYD CHILD,  
Business Representative

### Steamfitters Union, Local 342

The off-year Election of Officers for the years 1957 and 1958 will be held on Sunday, December 9, 1956, in Hall "D" of the Labor Temple.

The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Please bring your dues book.

We urge that you make every effort to VOTE.

Fraternally Yours,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Fin. Sec'y, Bus. Mgr.  
Steamfitters Union No. 342

### Attention!

### Painters of District Council No. 16

Get your copy of the Vacation Plan from your Local Union Office. After the 1st of January, 1957 the employer will pay 7c per hour worked into the Vacation Plan. BE SURE to save your check stubs for the ENTIRE YEAR. That is the only way you will be able to check and see if the employer has paid your Vacation money.

IF ANY EMPLOYERS ARE NOT SUPPLYING PAINTERS WITH CHECK STUBS, PLEASE INFORM THE COUNCIL OFFICE—THIS IS IMPORTANT.

Fraternally yours,  
DISTRICT COUNCIL No. 16  
FLOYD PEASLEE,  
Executive Secretary

### Painters Local 127

#### Special Notice

The next regular meeting of the local will be Thursday, December 13, 1956. This will be the last meeting of the year. Brother members, let's come down and make this a real big meeting for the last meeting of 1956.

The entertainment committee has planned some special refreshments for this meeting, a little Christmas cheer I hear, come down and find out.

Brother member Jess Meyers, chairman of the Oak Knoll Veterans Hospital Decorating Committee for our Local is asking for help to decorate the wards at Oak Knoll. This will be done on December 16, 1956. Let's get out there and help make the veterans Christmas a happy one again this year. Don't forget the date, December 16, at 8:30 a.m. at Oak Knoll.

Fraternally yours,  
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,  
Recording Secretary

### Paint Makers 1101

At Tuesday night's regular meeting, the membership voted to call a special meeting to discuss and act on current negotiations at the following time: 7:30 p.m. sharp, December 7, 1956, Friday, in Hall M, 3rd floor, Labor Temple 2315 Valdez Street Oakland. The employers have offered a written proposal. It is important that you attend.

Fraternally,  
JACK KOPKE,  
Representative

### Clerks & Lumber Handlers 939

The next regular meeting will be held Friday, December 14. Due to the Christmas holidays, there will be no meeting Friday, December 28.

The officers extend holiday greetings to all.

Yours fraternally,  
A. R. ESTES,  
Recording Secretary

### Hayward Painters 1178

The next regular meeting of Local 1178 will be called to order at 8 p.m., Friday, December 7. Come to the meeting and express your opinion about anything that may be discussed.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

### Hayward Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823

The regular meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 11, at Local 823 headquarters.

Yours fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

### Naval Supply Center Lodge 1533

The Naval Supply Center Lodge 1533, American Federation of Government Employees, will have its election and installation of officers for the ensuing year on Tuesday, December 11, 1956, 8 p.m., at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

William W. Fitzsimmons, the president of the lodge, who was nominated without any opposition, is reelected to preside for another term. He will be installed, along with the other officers, by I. W. Kirkpatrick, the 12th District Vice President of the national organization.

All non-union members who are employed by the Federal government are cordially invited.

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## Congress Groups Raising Red Issue In S. F. & Hawaii

The House Un-American Activities Committee will open a hearing Monday of next week, December 10, in San Francisco. The committee is headed by Congressman Francis E. Walter, (D., Penn.)

Walter was co-author of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, against which labor people and liberals all over the country have made many protests.

Among those known to have been subpoenaed to appear at the Monday hearing are Louis Goldblatt of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union; Aubrey Grossman, an Oakland attorney; Grace Partridge, secretary of the Northern California Committee for the Foreign Born; and Claire Jensen, East Bay chairman of that organization.

Grossman says that the subpoenaed witnesses were asked to bring any documents "designed to reveal, revise, or influence the revision of, or repeal of the Smith Act, the Internal Security Act, and the Immigration and Nationality Act."

Grossman came to the office of the editor of East Bay Labor Journal and supplied this data about the contents of the subpoena, which was also supplied to the dailies. The editor of East Bay Labor Journal told Grossman:

"Please understand that this paper, and the labor movement in East Bay in general, is completely dissociated from the so-called Committee for the Foreign Born, and from other elements with which that group is accused of being affiliated."

"But a great many of us in the labor movement are suspicious, as no doubt you are, that the motive of Congressman Walter in conducting these hearings is to create in the public mind the impression that only those he suspects of being Communists are opposed to the invasions of civil rights which Congressman Walter and other reactionaries favor."

Meanwhile in Hawaii another member of the rightist branch of the Democratic Party was active: U. S. Senator James Eastland of Mississippi. His Senate Internal Security Subcommittee was holding hearings into alleged subversion in Hawaii.

The Eastland probe was aimed at the ILWU, the union headed by Harry Bridges and ousted from the CIO in 1950 as Communist-controlled. The (Continued on Page 4)

## CAN UNION GENERAL FUND PAY POLITICAL EXPENSE?

Attorneys for the Auto Workers told the U. S. Supreme Court this week that in their opinion the UAW did not violate the law by paying for political broadcasts in 1954 from the union's general fund. The outcome of the case is being watched by labor all over the country.

## Women & Children Need Protection, Fed Tells Board

Responsibility for protection of women and minors in agricultural and domestic employment has been placed before the California Industrial Welfare Commission by the state AFL movement, says the State Federation Newsletter.

In a letter directed to Daniel E. Koshland, chairman of the five-member IWC, C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the California State Federation of Labor, called on the commission to establish wage boards for coverage of women and minors in the two classifications.

Haggerty cited the recent decision of Attorney General Edmund G. Brown holding that the commission has authority to regulate wages, hours and conditions of employment in both agricultural and domestic employment.

Women and children working on farms and in domestic jobs are now denied protection of the 75-cent minimum wage law as well as other phases of IWC protection.

Last April Haggerty reminded the IWC that it had never issued orders for the two employment categories despite provisions of the state Labor Code which stipulates that the IWC is obliged to cover "women and minors employed in any occupation, trade or industry, whether compensation is measured by time, piece or otherwise."

The IWC, which is now conducting wage board hearings, met November 30 in San Francisco.

Commission members are Koshland, Mrs. Eleanor Hewlett, Oakland; Mrs. Mae Stone, Los Angeles; Miss Virginia Allee, Los Angeles; and John W. Quimby, San Diego.

## That 1/2% Adds \$900 To Cost of House!

One-half of one percent seems a small amount, but FHA figures show that the December 1 boost of the interest rate on FHA home loans from 4 1/2 to 5% means:

"Translated into terms of a \$10,000 25-year mortgage, the 1/2% interest hike adds nearly \$900 in interest costs to the total amount of repayment."

On such a mortgage the 1/2% interest rate boost means the monthly payment rises from the present \$55.60 to \$58.50.

## Alameda Schools

The Central Labor Council this week endorsed the proposed increase of the school tax in the city of Alameda, to be voted on in January. Chester Bartolini, Carpenters 36, member of the Alameda Citizens Committee for Better Schools, has presented the matter to both the CLC and the Building Trades Council. The BTC recently endorsed the proposal.

Why not pass this copy of East Bay Labor Journal on to a friend when you've finished reading it?

## 19 State Mergers In AFLCIO's Year

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — A year after merger became a reality at the national level, 19 state central bodies of the former AFL and CIO have achieved unity.

From Vermont to the Gulf of Mexico and from Maine to Oregon, nearly 40 percent of the state central bodies have resolved their differences, adopted constitutions, elected officers and set themselves to the task of speaking with a single voice for labor in their states.

Arkansas led off the merger parade in March, 1956. State groups have two years from last December's national merger convention to complete their own unity arrangements.

In almost every case the state mergers have brought a new name to the unified organization.

These are the states where merger has taken place: Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arizona, Montana, Vermont, Colorado, Virginia, Wyoming, Oregon, Iowa, South Dakota, Utah, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Alabama, Maine.

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## OPINIONS

### ETERNITY!

High up in the North in the land called Svithjod, there stands a rock. It is a hundred miles high and a hundred miles wide. Once every thousand years a little bird comes to this rock to sharpen its beak.

When the rock has thus been worn away, then a single day of eternity will have gone by.—Van Loon: Story of Man-kind.

Far to the East in the district called Columbia, there sits a Congress. It is of two branches, sometimes near, sometimes far apart. Once every year a message on the state of the union comes to this Congress to urge changes in the Taft-Hartley Act.

When the Act has thus been worn away, then a single day of eternity will have gone by.—Washington Teamster.

### THOSE NONVOTERS

There is little to be said in extenuation of nonvoting but something to be said in explanation, and the explanation is not altogether damaging. Nonvoting may be an expression of apathy, but it is on the whole a contented rather than a hopeless apathy. Nonvoting suggests indifference to politics, but a society that is essentially nonpolitical is preferable to a society that is superpolitical; this was probably what Franklin had in mind when he observed that a people without a political philosophy was fortunate.—Henry Steele Commager, historian.

### HUCKSTERISM

Something new has crept into the American political arena. It is a new force, manned by experts in what is altruistically termed "the engineering of consent." Perhaps we can call it hucksterism. But it is a new force in politics, and it must be recognized and dealt with. The essence of hucksterism is to disguise an inferior product in a brightly wrapped package.—James Patton, president of the Farmers Unions.

### BEST DEFENSE

Honest speech is a far better defense of civil liberty than silence plus a pleading of the Fifth Amendment.—Norman Thomas.

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## EDITORIALS

### Twins: Bridges and Eastland

Publicly Harry Bridges has called U. S. Senator Eastland of Mississippi "a liar... a bum, a Ku Kluxer bum." Publicly Eastland has been more restrained in utterance, but privately he has undoubtedly said some things about Bridges with which many Americans would agree just as much as some other Americans agree with what Bridges has said publicly about Eastland.

The spectacle of these two men, twin threats, in conflict in Hawaii is a humiliating reminder that we have extremists in our midst who have very large followings. It is humiliating, because we like to believe that this is a land where differences of opinion can be settled by what we hope can be called reasonable compromises. And when we see Eastland and Bridges glaring at one another, we fear that some conflicts are irreconcilable.

Eastland, with the most reactionary ideas of the Old South dominant in his mind, is as dangerous a threat to the future of our country as is Bridges, though it is hard for many Americans to realize it, because Eastland is an established character in an old drama to which we have been long accustomed. But Eastland is dangerous for two reasons, the first direct, and the other indirect.

Directly Eastland is dangerous because of the damage he can do to labor and all progressive forces due to his power in the Senate, and the entrenched power of the most reactionary elements in the Old South which back him up.

But indirectly Eastland is still more dangerous. This is because he gives Bridges, and the powerful people in other parts of the world who sympathize with Bridges, an ideal opportunity to confront dramatically the worst phases of American life with what on the surface seems enlightened challenge and denunciation. On the surface...

### No One Told Knight or Doyle

The Chronicle interviewed Governor Knight on November 20 as to what he thought about this \$50,000 of taxpayers' money divided annually between supporters of his Administration for no official services whatsoever. According to the Chronicle of November 21, Knight said he would look into the matter. He stated, however, that no one had told him there was anything wrong with it and added, "I don't think there is."

This \$50,000 represents imaginary brokers' fees which the insurance companies, according to the Sacramento legend, insist on paying, even though there are no brokers' services required in the direct dealings between State officials and the companies in insuring State property. It is true that there are insurance companies which do not require that real money be paid out to brokers for imaginary services, but the State doesn't deal with such companies much. Why? An obvious guess at the answer is that if these other companies were dealt with, no slush fund for dividing up between political favorites would be created.

At any rate, since "no one had told him there was anything wrong" about dividing taxpayers' money among political favorites, the poor innocent Governor obviously had no way of figuring it out all by himself. Equally lacking advice was his fellow Republican, Assemblyman Donald Doyle of Contra Costa county, vice-chairman of the State GOP Committee. During the past two years Knight's Director of Finance Pierce had dished out \$3883 real money for those imaginary brokerage services to Doyle's insurance firm. When Doyle was asked about why this was done, his reply, reported in the Chronicle of November 20, had that bland air of innocence which Richard M. Nixon is so justly famous for when a slush fund needs to be explained away. Said Assemblyman Doyle:

"I don't know unless the Director of Finance decided that here's a fellow doing something for the party, doing something for the State, and here's something to help him pay his bills."

This, and the Governor's own childlike innocence, brings to mind advice given by specialists on child-rearing to mothers worried because sometimes children mishandle or misappropriate sums of money.

The experts' advice is: "Don't tell the child that it's stealing that's involved. Such a rude word is likely to get the little innocent all upset. Just talk to the child gently, and try to get into its little mind the difference between right and wrong."

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## Still Out of Balance!



### What Is Knowland Stand on Liberal Drive in Senate?

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Rule 22 is made comes up around January 3.

The Republicans claim to favor civil rights legislation, and General Eisenhower has repeatedly stated that he advocates it.

Most labor observers are doubtful, however, whether Minority Leader Knowland's cohorts in the Senate will do anything to disturb their cozy relationship with the Southern conservatives. Richard L. Strout, Washington staff correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, confirms this impression. Writing in the November 24 issue of that paper, he says:

"In a test it is widely thought here that the Republican Senate leadership will not create any lasting breach with the Southern conservatives, for it is bipartisan conservative coalition which has ruled Congress in recent years in the absence of strong party control."

Strout adds significantly "As happens in politics when parties become close enough alike so that party labels seem meaningless to many voters, new forces are set in motion."

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### Alabama Law Will Get Court Review

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO)—The Supreme Court will review the decision of a three-judge U. S. District Court upholding validity of an Alabama law barring state employees from joining unions. The ruling by the lower court in Birmingham, Ala., was appealed by the former CIO Government and Civic Employees Organizing Committee now merged with State, County and Municipal Employees.

In another matter, the Court agreed to review an NLRB decision that it lacked authority to act in the case of a union charged with unfair labor practices by its own employees.

The complaint was filed with the board by Office Employees Local 11 in Portland, Ore., against the Teamsters. The board held it could not take jurisdiction over non-profit groups such as unions except in unusual circumstances. An appeals court upheld the board decision.

### 'Dr.' Butler Gets 'Ex-Con' Headline In Doyle Scandal

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matters as publicity, advertising and billboards while acting as Doyle's 1954 campaign manager."

In addition to running his postoffice box "labor paper" which sends out scraps of paper looking like bills, but bearing small type stating that "this is a solicitation not a bill," Butler has of late gone in for being a "P.D." from the "College of Divine Metaphysics in Indiana, and lists himself in the San Francisco telephone book as "Dr. L. E. Butler."

COST OF LIVING hit its fourth all-time high in five months when the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index soared to a record 117.7 on October 15—and it's going still higher, predicts the Department.

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### Alaska Labor Has Legislative Goal

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AFL CIO) Thirty legislative proposals adopted at the convention of the Alaska Federation of Labor will be presented to the Territorial legislature which convenes late in January.

The four-day session of the AFL drew 77 delegates representing 45 locals and 10 councils.

The legislature will be asked to approve changes in workmen's compensation, and to adopt the national plumbing code. The long-standing call for statehood was re-endorsed and a demand was made for improved wages and working conditions for teachers.

Dir. Nelson H. Cruikshank of the AFL-CIO Dept. of Social Security was the principal speaker. Territorial Delegate E. L. "Bob" Bartlett and Robert Atwood, publisher of the Anchorage Times, addressed the convention banquet.

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### Congress Groups Raising Red Issue In S. F. & Hawaii

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ILWU has the dock, sugar, and pineapple industries organized in the islands.

During the hearings some thousand members of the union marched on Iolani Palace, seat of the territorial government, protesting against the hearings. Many members of the union walked off their jobs in protest.

Officers of the union at the hearings pleaded the Fifth Amendment when asked some questions. Two island officers pleaded it more than 30 times apiece at one hearing.

(Editor's Note: See editorial on page 4 entitled "Twins: Bridges and Eastland.")

5% PAY RAISE for 73,800 Civil Service and state college employees is recommended by the California State Personnel Board.

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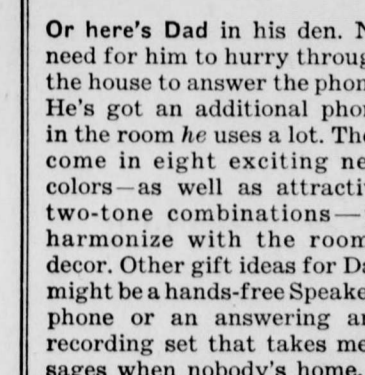


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